

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Christian Koon, senior, of Frederick county, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the sum of £. 92 10 0 currency.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

A petition from George Timmons, of Worcester county, praying a divorce, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Loockerman, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Sprigg, to consider and report thereon.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from his excellency the governor, of the 16th instant, enclosing a letter from the governor of Virginia, with a resolution passed by the legislature of that state, respecting a late decision of the supreme court of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1793: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Which were read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the letter from the lieutenant-governor of the state of Massachusetts.

The bill to appoint commissioners to straighten and amend the roads therein mentioned, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 17, 1793: Read the second time and passed.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

The bill for resurveying and laying out anew Salisbury-town, in Somerset county, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 17, 1793: Read the second time by especial order and passed.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the better regulation of apprentices, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 16, 1793: Read the second time and passed with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Amendments proposed. In page three, after the end of the 13th line, insert "and that the terms of such apprenticeship, with the age of the apprentice, shall be contained and expressed in an indenture, under the hand and seal of the father and master, and that the said indenture shall be lodged by the said master with the register of the orphans court of the county where such master resides, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of three pounds current money, to be recovered from said master by indictment in the county court or criminal court of said county, and to be applied to the use and benefit of the poor of said county; and the register of the said orphans court shall and he is hereby obliged to receive and record the said indenture, and he shall be allowed the sum of three shillings current money for each and every indenture so recorded, to be paid by the said master." Strike out from the word "lawful" in the 15th line of the third page to the word "house" inclusive in the first line of the fourth page, and insert "for the trustees of the poor of any county in this state, or for any three of them, to bind out any orphan or orphans, or other poor child or children under their care in the poor-house of said county." In page 4, in the last line, strike out "assessed in the levy of the said county," and insert "paid by the master." In the sixth page and thirteenth line, after the word "first" insert "and if the original contract was hard and unreasonable, such new contract shall be made as the court shall direct." Strike out from the word "goods" in the 19th line of the 7th page to the end of the sixth line of the 8th page. In the 9th page, strike out the second enacting clause and insert as follows: "And be it enacted, That if any apprentice shall be convicted of any offence, in consequence of which judgment shall be entered against him for any fine or penalty, and costs, the court by which such judgment shall be rendered, shall adjudge, and enter on their records, the time for which such apprentice shall serve his or her master or mistress, after the expiration of his or her apprenticeship, in case the said master or mistress will pay the said fine or penalty, and costs, and if the said master or mistress pays the said fine or penalty, and costs, the said apprentice shall be obliged to serve during the time adjudged by the said court." In page 9, strike out from the word "him" in the fourth line to the word "sufficient" in the 5th line inclusive, and insert "and may require and take a recognizance of such master or mistress, with reasonable and proper security, to be forfeited in case the said master or mistress shall not appear at the next county or criminal court, to answer and abide the determination of the said court upon any complaint that may be exhibited by such apprentice." In the 13th line of the 10th page, strike out the word "provided" and insert "And be it enacted." In the same page and line, after the word "apprentices" insert "except those bound to tradesmen or mechanics residing in any town." Page 11 and 3d line, after the word "bound" insert "by the trustees of the poor or." In page 12, after the seventh line insert as follows: "Of the residue of the indenture, with the approbation of the orphans court." Strike out from the word "that" in the last line of the 12th page to the word "notwithstanding" inclusive in the third line of the 13th page, and insert "that either the master or apprentice, upon a petition being filed, may apply to the court for the benefit of a trial